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FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

TO THE LADIES.

DIRECT FROM PARIS BY EXPRESS.

RECEIVED EX PACIFIC,

An invoice of fine

SILKS AND RIBBONS,

Which I will sell by the

PIECE OR YARD.

AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.

The goods are of the very

Latest Style and Pattern,

And are the

FINEST EVER IMPORTED

To this market. Call and see for yourselves.

J. RUDE,

Wharf street, opposite Southgate & Co's

de12 1m

MRS. JEFFRAY

Has just received at her Store on GOVERNMENT STREET,
A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF

Brussels Carpeting.

—ALSO—

AN INVOICE OF

OSTRICH FEATHERS,

ALL COLORS

With a well selected Stock of other Goods,

By Recent Arrivals from England

Which she will sell at

GREATHY REDUCED RATES.

de18 1w

For the Holidays!

MORRIS & MONET,

FRUITERERS

Opposite Mr. Harris' Brick Building.

GOVERNMENT STREET

Offer for Sale to Families and Hotels:

50 Island Turkeys;

25 dozen Chickens;

Ducks and Geese;

Island and Oregon Eggs.

—ALSO—

FRESH BUTTER, CITRON, CURRANTS,

RAISINS AND LEMON PEEL.

de17 1m

Christmas Gifts.

JUST RECEIVED,

EX BARK "SCOTLAND,"

A beautiful assortment of

CHILDREN'S TOYS,

Of all descriptions, amongst which is an Invoice of

MAGNIFICENT

Toy China Sets.

Call and examine them at

de20 1st

H. COHEN'S,

Yates street.

E. H. VAENBERG,
Practical Watchmaker and Jeweler,

YATES STREET,

Opposite the Bank of British North America.

HAVING ENGAGED THE SERVICES OF
H. CHUMBERG, a practical Chronometer and Watchmaker and Jeweler, I am now prepared to repair all articles in my line in superior style and at moderate charges.

A large stock of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Gold and Silver Watches, set with diamonds. Pins, Earrings, and Jewelry of every description always on hand.

Silver-Plated Ware,

such as knives and forks, tea and table-spoons. Solid silver plate, knives and forks, &c.

de21 1m

E. H. VAENBERG.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Christmas and New Year's.

English Dry Goods!

T. WILSON RESPECTFULLY CALLS

the attention of the inhabitants of Victoria and neighborhood to his

NEW STOCK OF GOODS,

JUST RECEIVED,

EX "PRINCE OF THE SEAS,"

CONSISTING OF—

BLANKETS,

FLANNELS,

WHITE AND COLORED QUILTS,

HOSIERY,

Woolen, Cashmere, and other Shawls,

DRAB MELTON PALETOTS,

Fancy Wool Dresses, Coburgs and Alpacas, Printed Cottons, Calicos, Handkerchiefs.

Ready-made Clothing.

Scotch Tweed, Doeskin, Gambroon, Moleskin and Cord Trousers;

Black Cloth and Scotch Tweed Sacks;

Albion Coats and Vests;

Pilot Sacks and American JACKETS;

A few complete Scotch Tweed Suits, and a quantity of

BOYS' CLOTHING.

—ALSO—

White, Printed Cotton and Stout Regatta Shirts;

Fancy Wool Shirts, Braces, Kilt Hose, etc.

An assortment of Ladies' and Gents'

BOOTS AND SHOES.

—ALSO—

Miners' Knee Boots and Stout Kip Wellingtons.

All the above Goods are bought directly from the manufacturers in London and Manchester, are of good quality, and will be sold at moderate prices for cash.

T. WILSON,
Government street, Victoria,
opposite the Theatre.

de21 2d

Christmas and New Year's.

Santa Claus is Coming!

FRENCH CONFECTIONERY,

TOYS,

AND FRUIT,

Direct from Paris by Express.

French Confectionery of all kinds

FOR THE HOLIDAYS,

Consisting of cartons of Sucre de Pomme de Ronen;

Fancy Baskets, Candy Pouches,

Wooden and Papier Mache Boxes,

Corbeilles, Garnies, Statuettes,

Pouches of Candy with Rosettes of lace, Artificial Flowers and Fruit, and an assortment of

Elegant French Toys.

Mme SANDRIE,

Cor. Trounce Alley and Government street.

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CHRISTMAS

AND

NEW YEAR'S

PRESENTS,

can be found at

HIBBEN & CARSWELL'S

A large assortment of

MISCELLANEOUS & ELEGANT BOOKS,

WRITING DESKS, PORTFOLIOS,

ALBUMS,

And a variety of Fancy Articles appropriate for the Holidays;

STATIONERS' HALL.

de13 2w

HOME PRODUCTION.

Balmoral Nursery, Salt Spring Island.

THE PROPRIETORS OF THE BALMORAL NURSERY beg respectfully to inform the public that they are prepared to supply a choice assortment of

FRUIT TREES AND SHRUBS,

Consisting of the best cultivated varieties of Apples, Pears, Plums, Cherries; also, Gooseberries, Lawton Blackberries, Strawberries, Currants, etc.

Samples can be seen at Messrs. Stewart, Meldrum & Co's, Victoria, or at Mr. Armstrong's, New Westminster, wh. will execute orders.

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Ex "Retriever," from London

BHANDY—Hennessy's Pale, in $\frac{1}{2}$ casks;

Martell's, in bulk;

RUM—Finest Jamaica, in $\frac{1}{2}$ casks;

WHISKY—Scotch and Irish, in bulk;

WHISKY—In case, Highland, Malt, and Islay;

OLD TOM—In bulk and bottle, Swaine, Board & Co's;

ORANGE BITTERS—In 1 doz cases, Swaine, Board & Co's;

ALE AND PORTER—Various well-known brands, in bulk and bottle.

For sale by

DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.,

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Ex "Retriever," from London

5 CASES SUPERIOR CHEDDAR CHEESE,

For sale by

DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.,

Wharf street.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

E. STAMP & CO.,

INVITE THE ATTENTION OF PURCHASERS

To the following Goods, received

EX "RETRIEVER,"

ALE, ALLSOPP'S E. I. PALE — Bottled by

Friend, quarts and pints.

ALLSOOP'S, in hds.

BASS' NO. 3 BURTON ALE, in hds and bbls.

BASS' do. Bottled, to arrive.

BYASS' PALE, in cases, quarts and pints.

PORTER, BYASS' in cases, quarts and pint.

BARCLAY'S STOUT, in cases, quarts and pints.

SHERRY and PORT, Ex "Anna Krell," "Kiffi Chief," and "Tre Briton" of all qualities, in

THE BRITISH COLONIST

TO ADVERTISERS.

All advertisements, unless the time for which they are to be inserted is specified, will be continued until ordered out, and so charged.

Monday Morning, Dec. 30, 1861.

The News.

The news by the steamer yesterday is highly interesting. In San Francisco, says the *Echo du Pacifique*, the two chief topics of discussion were Cariboo mines and the flood which has been causing a great destruction of property in the interior of the State. The rebellion appears to be no nearer to its termination. No marked advantage has been gained by either side since our previous advices. New Orleans, it is reported, has been attacked by the Federals; result unknown, and the rumor lacks confirmation. A large expedition was to descend the Mississippi under Gen. Buell. The Federal and Confederate armies were still watching each other from Washington and Manassas; and the rumor was revived for the hundredth time that a grand battle between McClellan and Beauregard was imminent. Along the Southern coast little news is reported, except the conflagration in Charleston, variously attributed to accident, slave co-spiracy, or to the patriotic Charlesians emulating the example of the Russians in burning Moscow. The northern press reports great excitement in the South in consequence of the coast attacks. This is a very probable piece of intelligence, without being indicative of anything more important than preparation for defence. The Federals have till next June to put forth their strength, before hot weather and southern fevers will check their progress. If they are not successful within that period, the war will extend to '63.

The question of war or no war arising out of the Mason-Slidell affair is the great international topic of discussion at the present time. The American press still defends Wilkes, while the nation patriotically concurs. All the writers on international law from Grotius to Gen. Halleck have been rummaged through to get law enough to defend the seizure; but as we read the citations they are inapplicable to the case at issue, or are not fairly quoted from the standard authorities. On the other hand, the news from England represent an intense feeling of indignation as prevailing there on account of the Slidell-Mason affair. Meetings had been held in Liverpool denouncing the outrage; and the *Times* declares British vessels as sacred as British soil till the violation of the neutrality laws is proven. It is stated, and the statement is likewise contradicted, that the British Government had demanded the release of the Confederate Commissioners. From the meagre telegrams—and we may say contradictory—it is impossible to conclude whether such a demand has been made or not; but the probabilities are in favor of the conclusion, as there has been time enough to do so, and the circumstances warrant the demand. The only favorable symptom that we notice indicative of the preservation of peace between England and the United States, is a telegram stating that President Lincoln is in favor of a conciliatory course towards England. Whether this means an apology and the return of the Confederate Commissioners or not, remains to be seen. The Washington *Intelligencer* states that Commander Wilkes was not authorized by his Government to make the seizure. If true, it places the question in a better position in reference to a pacific settlement; as the disavowal of Wilkes' conduct and the restoration of the Commissioners to liberty by the Washington Cabinet would make things all right once more. The forwarding of munitions of war to Halifax, subsequent to the arrival of the news of the seizure in England, looks very warlike. England is evidently determined to be prepared for the worst; and if a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty be not made within the next thirty days, we shall not be surprised at hearing of a declaration of war.

CALIFORNIA.

By the arrival of the Brother Jonathan we are in possession of California papers to the 21st inst. Martin Peck, a German grocer at the corner of Sacramento and Davis streets, S. F., has been arrested for the murder of his wife.

Bonney, the murderer of Hirsch, will probably be hanged, as the Supreme Court has decided adversely to his application for a new trial.

At last accounts the water at Sacramento was falling. The loss of property in that city alone is estimated at \$1,000,000. Marysville and other cities of the Sacramento valley have been submerged. Many lives are reported lost. Meetings to relieve the sufferers have been held at San Francisco. In Carson valley the loss of property by the flood is very great.

COUGHS, BRONCHIAL COMPLAINTS, ETC.— Rev. D. P. Livermore, editor of the Chicago *New Covenant*, says of Brown's Bronchial Trusses: "We have frequently had occasion to test the efficacy of Brown's Bronchial Trusses, and have invariably found them to answer the purpose for which they are recommended. From our own personal experience and observation, we know them to be a superior remedy for colds, coughs and bronchial complaints."

Note.— We publish the above statement as reading matter, because we have confidence in the Trusses, having tried them frequently, and always with success.—*Cincinnati Christian Herald*.

Only one drunk had been incarcerated at the cells up to ten o'clock last evening—a "most extraordinary" circumstance for a Sunday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

PARTIES HAVING POWDER STORED on board the Hudson's Bay Company's steamer Beaver are requested to have it removed immediately.

Bark "Prince of the Seas."

ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE ABOVE vessel must be sent in to the undersigned, on or before WEDNESDAY, the 1st January, 1862, or they will not be allowed.

HENDERSON & BURNABY,
Wharf street
Victoria, December 28th, 1862.
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VICTORIA THEATRE.

On Monday Evening, December 30,
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
His Excellency Gov. Douglas,
Who will on this occasion honor the Theatre
by the presence of himself and suite.

The entertainment will commence with Cherry's popular Comedy of

The Soldier's Daughter.

WIDOW CHEERLY.....Mrs. W. C. FORBES
Governor Heart...Mr. Trotter
Francis Heart...Mr. Evans
Charles Woodley...Mr. Kirby
Malton...Mr. Harrison
Timothy Quaint...Mr. Mortimer
Mrs. Malton...Miss Lawrence
Susan...Miss Russell
SONG.....Miss Virginia Lawrence

To conclude with the Farce of

THE TWO BUZZARDS.

Buzzards by Miss Lawrence, Miss Russell, and Messrs. Mortimer, Harrison and Ruby.

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FOR THE

HOLIDAYS.

Gold & Silver Watches,
Ladies' Enamelled Watches, Diamonds, Bracelets, Rings, Lockets, Brooches, Ear-Rings, Gold Studs, Sleeve-Buttons, Chatel Jewelry, Gold Chains, Ladies' Neck-Chains and Charms, Pencils, Silver Card-Cases, A fine assortment for

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

At Yates street, next door to Hibben & Carswell.
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Vancouver Island Rifle Volunteers.

IN PURSUANCE OF A REQUISITION,
A meeting will be held in the Drill Room on MONDAY, the 30th inst., at 8 o'clock, p. m.

J. R. STEWART,
1st Lieut. 1st Company.

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HOT

SPICED WINES AND RUSKS,

AT THE

STAR AND GARTER HOTEL,

Government Street.

ENGLISH ALE,

AT THE

STAR AND GARTER HOTEL.

FOR THEM

HOLIDAYS!

EX RETRIEVER.

FAMILIES CAN DEPEND ON HAVING the following articles:

JULES ROBIN'S BRANDY,
In 1 dozen cases.

PORT WINE,
In 1 dozen cases.

SHERRY WINES,
In 1 dozen cases.

CAMPBELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY.

ENGLISH ALE,
In 1 dozen cases.

ENGLISH PORTER,
In 1 dozen cases.

BEDS,

AT THE STAR AND GARTER HOTEL

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NATHAN POINTER,

IMPORTER AND DEALER IN

Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods

GOVERNMENT STREET,

in the lower story of

British Colonist Fire-Proof Building,

Two doors South of the Post Office, Victoria, V. I. Is now prepared to offer the largest assortment of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods ever exhibited in Victoria, consisting of Messrs. Davis & Jones' Patent Shirts, (of New York), and L. Atkinson's Improved Shoulder Seam Patent Shirts, (of Philadelphia)

Just received, the latest styles of

BALTIC SHIRTS,

from London. Also, a fine lot of pure Baltic Stockings and Hose, Gents' Shaker Flannel Undershirts and Drawers. Also, a fine lot of Derby and Saxon

Wool Shirts and Drawers,

White and Colored Marseilles Shirts, a full assortment Gents' Superior Marseilles Gingham Shirts, a magnificent assortment of

GENTS' SILK SCARFS,

a new style of Gents' Fine Cashmere Comforters and Opera Scarfs, the latest styles of Davis & Jones' celebrated superfine patent.

White and Colored Shirts,

and is also receiving every Steamer those beautiful

BYRON SHIRTS,

of all sizes, varying from 13 to 20 inches around the neck. Ladies should call and examine those

Baltic Stockings,

for winter wear. Orders sent through Express for Shirts, by sending the size of the neck. I will guarantee to fit. Orders filled for all parts of

British Columbia & Puget Sound.

I shall receive fresh goods by every arrival from London. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Kid Gloves, ex

Grecian. A fine lot of

GENTLEMEN'S GLOVES,

for the Fall and Winter trade.

—A. S. O.—

A fine lot of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, high finish. The Gloves consist of some 75 dozen pairs, of various kinds. The Crimson Blue Over-shirts, weighing two and a half pounds, with double backs. We study to please. Business hours, from 6 A. M. to 10 P. M.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.

A WOMAN SERVANT, IN A HOUSE about a mile from the town, where there are no children. Apply to Mr. McCREIGHT, Government street.

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AUCTION,

THIS DAY,

MONDAY, Dec. 30th, 1861.

At 11 o'clock, a. m.

Last Sale this Year!

TWO BARRELS

TEN-PINS AND BALLS.

MACKEREL.

3 bbls California Mackerel;

6 half bbls do. do.;

5 kits do. do.

Hams.

1 cask dry salt Hams;

6 bbls brine Hams.

Bacon, Lard, Butter, Candles, Soap, Starch,

Syrup, etc.

—ALSO—

BOOTS,

SHOES,

CLOTHING,

FANCY GOODS.

TERMS, CASH.

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—ALSO—

PICK HANDLES.

19 cases Pick Handles.

20 cases English Pickles;

20 cases Pic Fruits,

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J. A. MCREA,

Auctioneer, Wharf street.

Fun for the Holidays

A. CLINK,

AT THE

Bowling Saloon, Waddington Alley,

Invites all his friends to visit and take

POT LUCK!

With him on

Christmas and New Year's Day.

All fond of a glass of GOOD LIQUOR must be sure and call; and those whose Dashaway principles preclude them from joining in the festivities of the season must not forget to roll a "string or two," on the Bowling Alley.

A. CLINK,

Waddington Alley

Just Received,

Ex 'PRUTH' and 'PRINCE OF THE SEAS,'

And for sale by

W. M. B. SMITH,

A N EXCELLENT ASSORTMENT OF

Choice Groceries, consisting of—

Fresh, Black and Green Teas, of superior quality;

Coffee and Java Coffee;

Cruice Sugar;

Candied Fruits;

Zante Currants;

Sultana, Muscatel and Valencia Raisins;

Carolina and Patna Rice;

Belmont and Wax Candies;

Colza Oil, for moderator lamps.

These goods being of direct importation and selected with special care for this market, have arrived out

in first rate condition. W. B. S. feels assured they will meet the requirements of his customers. The attention of Families, Restaurants and Hotels is also respectively solicited to his large stock of Provisions and Oil Stores.

Brick Building, Government street.

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CARSWELL & CO.,

Langley Street,

REAR OF STATIONER'S HALL,

—OFFER FOR SALE—

EX "RETRIEVER,"

GINGER BRANDY—In 1 doz cases;

CHERRY BRANDY—In 1 doz cases;

BRANDY—U. V., Proprietors, Renat, Burgundy, and other brands, in bbls and qr cases;

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THE BRITISH COLONIST

Monday Morning, Dec 30, 1861.

RUMORS OF A MURDER.—All day on Saturday the town was considerably agitated by reports to the effect that a white man had been killed near the Esquimalt road by Hydah Indians—in revenge for the murder of one of their tribe on Christmas night by Jim Bennett. All sorts of stories were circulated as to the manner of killing and the mode in which the body was disposed of, and some even went so far as to designate the person whose life had been sacrificed to satiate Indian vengeance. That same evening, however, it was ascertained that the reported victim was alive and in excellent health, and yesterday we learned that the whole story originated from the finding of a dead-drunk sailor at the roadside, near Esquimalt. At first it was supposed that he was dead in reality; but an hour or two after being picked up his lively movements convinced the finders that he'd merely had a hard tussle with John Barleycorn and had been worsted.

ARRIVAL OF THE "OTTER."—The steamer Otter, Capt. Mouat, arrived from New Westminster at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Only twenty passengers and a small amount of treasure came by her. The river steamers made no trips last week, owing to the scarcity of freight. Some ice and considerable snow is reported along the river. The news is unimportant.

BENNETT AND SPURGEON.—The murderers of the Hydah Indian John were seen crossing the Straits in a canoe, on Friday last, by the captain of the schooner Rebecca, while that vessel was on her way to this port. There was a third party in the canoe when seen. We have heard of no effort put forth on the part of the government to effect the arrest of the murderers.

THE SHOOTING AT INDIANS.—Edward Kitson, on Saturday, at the Police Court, was fined £5 for striking an Indian over the head with a pistol on Christmas evening. An examination into the charge preferred against the same man, of shooting at Indians, will be heard to-day.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.—The Brother Jonathan is announced to leave at 10 o'clock this morning for San Francisco direct; but as she brought about 300 tons of freight, it is barely possible that she will be able to get off before noon.

NOT TO BE HAD.—We have endeavored to obtain a copy of the Brother Jonathan's manifest, but owing to the vessel not having been entered at the Custom house up to a late hour last night, are unable to lay a copy before our readers this morning.

THE EXTRADITION CASE.—Stephen Cassey alias McDuff, delivered by our Government to the California authorities on a requisition from the Governor of that State, will be taken below on the Brother Jonathan to-day, in the custody of officer Gay.

ARRIVAL OF THE "W. D. RICE."—The brig W. D. Rice, Smith master, twelve days from San Francisco, consigned to Pickett & Co., reached the outer harbor yesterday afternoon. She will run into the harbor to-day.

THEATRICAL.—Mr. L. F. Beatty and Misses Malick and Deans, arrived yesterday. Mr. Beatty was long and favorably known from his connection with the Potter Tioune, and played in this city a year ago.

COMMENDABLE ENERGY.—Postmaster Wooton kept the Post Office open until 10 o'clock last night for the reception of mail matter, and will be ready for business at 7 o'clock this morning.

LAST SALE.—Mr. McCrea will hold his last sale for this year at 11 o'clock this morning, when groceries, provisions, boots, shoes, clothing, fancy goods, and many other articles, will be offered. Terms cash.

THE MAIL SUBSIDY.—Attorney General Cary will go below on the Jonathan to-day for the purpose of subsidizing one or more steamers to run to this port direct. May he meet with success.

FAVORS.—Mr. Benton, Purser of the Brother Jonathan, and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger, have our thanks for important news favors rendered yesterday.

WEEKLY COLONIST.—Copies of the Weekly Colonist Supplement, ready for mailing, containing the very latest local news, may be obtained at this office to-day.

SEND ALONG YOUR DUST AND BARS.—Over \$100,000 in American coin arrived here yesterday by the mail steamer, consigned to the three banking establishments.

THEATRE.—His Excellency the Governor will visit the theatre this evening. The "Soldier's Daughter" will be played.

Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express for San Francisco will close at 9 o'clock this morning.

THANKS.—To Capt. Pike, for favors rendered yesterday on the arrival of the W. D. Rice.

A meeting of the Rifle Corps is called for this evening, at 8 o'clock, at the drill room.

The case of the Pruth robberies will be proceeded with this morning in the Police Court.

Arrival of the Brother Jonathan.

Highly Interesting and Important News.

The steamship Brother Jonathan, Capt. Burns, arrived at 9 o'clock yesterday morning from San Francisco. She brings highly interesting and important intelligence from England and the sea of war, a synopsis of which we give as follows:

St. Louis, Dec. 10.

The Union men in the Kentucky Legislature have nominated Garrett Davis for the United States Senate from that State, in place of Breckinridge. His opponent was Guthrie.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.

Gen. Price is on the Osage river with his Confederate army. It numbers 8,000 or 10,000 men. A large Federal force is stationed at Sedalia, and Jefferson City.

The rebel General Price has been superseded in his command by Gen. Heath, of Virginia.

The Federal force now at St. Louis numbers 20,000. Gen. Fremont's body guard has been ordered by the War Department to report at Washington immediately.

St. Louis, Dec. 12.

Gen. Buell, with sixty thousand well appointed United States troops was, at last, advised, advancing on the rebel forces at Bowling Green, Kentucky. General Johnson had command at Bowling Green, and his force consists of fifty thousand men.

The Federal troops have commenced an advance from the Potomac toward the Mississippi.

In Liverpool, England, great indignation is manifested at the arrest of Slidell and Mason. Public meetings had been held to give vent to the indignation.

Gen. Hallock has ordered a forced contribution to the amount of \$10,000 from the rebels residing in St. Louis, for the benefit of Union people who are refugees from Southwest Missouri.

On the 7th instant the fleet, with 25,000 Federal troops, arrived at Port Royal. These reinforcements are commanded by Gen. B. F. Butler, of Massachusetts, and will swell the Federal force in South Carolina to between 50,000 and 60,000 men.

A correspondent, writing from Beaufort, says that both Charleston and Savannah will soon be in possession of the United States troops.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 10.

In the U. S. Senate to-day, Sumner presented petitions asking for the emancipation of slaves under the war power.

Senator Nesmith introduced a bill in the U. S. Senate to provide for the protection of the overland emigrants to California and Oregon, which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

The Norfolk Day Book of the 9th learns that a battle is immediately expected on the Potomac, as the sulters were removing stores.

Gen. Butler's expedition arrived at Port Royal on the 7th.

Com. Foote wants 1,000 seamen for the Mississippi Naval Expedition.

There are 13,300 sick men in the army of the Potomac.

The black flag has been hoisted at Columbus, Kentucky.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 11.

There was a debate in Congress yesterday afternoon—in the House of Representatives principally—on the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus. Petitions against the suspension of the writ were tabled—108 against 36—in both Houses.

Etridge, Clerk of the House, received a letter from Tennessee, stating that the rebel leaders had begun to impress Union men, who were fleeing to Kentucky for protection.

Parson Brownlow's army had been increased by Unionists from North Carolina and Alabama. He is giving the rebels much trouble.

The rebels are said to be approaching our lines on the Potomac, in force. A large rebel force has taken possession of Springfield, near the Potomac river. McClellan is closely watching their movements.

The question of the exchange of prisoners seems to be fairly settled; the President, Gen. McClellan and all the Cabinets are in favor of the plan. Thirty prisoners were exchanged yesterday.

Our Government has replied to the invitation of England, France and Spain, declining to take any part in the Mexican Expedition.

The Mexican Government will resist all expeditions. Their hatred toward Spain is intense.

It is understood that the Legislature of Kentucky will abolish slavery, reimbursing loyal masters.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 12.

In the Lower House of Congress yesterday, Lansing's resolution in regard to the return of fugitive slaves came up. Thaddeus Stevens and Lovjoy made radical speeches and censured Gen. Hallock and others for delivering negroes back to their rebel masters.

Nesmith, of the Senate, announced the death of Senator Baker. He paid a brief tribute to his worth and history, and offered the usual resolutions of respect to his memory. McDougall followed, referring to the decease of two distinguished Senators, Douglas and Baker. Latham closed with a most beautiful, eloquent and truthful eulogy on the deceased, when the Senate adjourned.

Gov. Andrew, of Massachusetts, protests against the Massachusetts soldiers catching slaves, and Secretary Cameron says it should be stopped. Pensacola has not yet been taken.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.

A great fire has occurred in Charleston, [South Carolina?] which has laid one half that city in ruins. The Catholic Cathedral of that city is destroyed. The fire and ruin are attributed to incendiary on the part of the slaves, who are said to be in a state of insurrection.

The privateer Sumter, carrying the American flag, has captured and burnt the brig Joseph Park.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.

The English papers are exceedingly belligerent in their remarks in reference to the arrest of Mason and Slidell. They say the sentiment of the British Cabinet in relation to the matter is denunciatory of the act of arrest.

The President favors a conciliatory course with England.

The intelligence regarding the destructive fire at Charleston, South Carolina, is confirmed. The conflagration is the largest ever known on the American continent. The offices of the Charleston Courier and Mercury were both destroyed.

The citizens of Savannah and Charleston are fleeing into the interior of the State.

There are letters of marque in New York, issued by the Mexican Government, to prey upon the commerce of England, France, and Spain, and it is said that vessels are fitting out under a similar decision to that allowing the Nashville to fit out at Southampton. The vessels will sail under the Mexican flag, as war vessels entitled to bring prizes into neutral ports.

Quincy, Dec. 14.

A despatch to the Cincinnati Commercial, from Cheat Mountain, in Virginia, dated to-day, states that yesterday one of the hardest and best fought battles of the war took place at Alleghany Camp, near Pocahontas. General Milroy commanded the Union forces, and General Johnston, of Georgia, the rebels. In the battle, the Union forces lost 30 men, whilst the rebels had 200 killed and many more wounded, and 30 taken prisoners. Gen. Johnston, who commanded the rebels, was wounded. Our forces numbered 750 all told, the rebels having 2,000 men. After sustaining so heavy a loss, the enemy set fire to their camp, and retreated to Staunton, leaving the Union forces master of the field.

Quincy, Dec. 18.

Information has been received at Cairo that New Orleans had been attacked by the Federal forces under the command of Gen. Phelps, from Island, [Ship Island is in Mississippi Sound, distant some 70 or 80 miles from New Orleans.]

Reinforcements have been sent down from Columbus for the relief of New Orleans.

Secretary Cameron has submitted to Congress a report in favor of appropriating \$4,710,000 for putting the coast defences in order from the port to San Francisco.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.

Commercial letters from England by the last European steamers express the opinion that the

English Government will probably ask an apology for the recent act of Commodore Wilkes in arresting Mason and Slidell. [According to this, the best informed classes in England do not anticipate hostilities between Great Britain and the United States on account of the recent arrest.]

The Federal troops are moving in immense force towards the Tennessee river, from Kentucky.

As regards the battle of New Orleans, circumstantial evidence received here seems to substantiate the report that New Orleans has been captured by the Federal troops. We have not full particulars, or facts fully confirmatory, but the belief here is that New Orleans is in the hands of the Federals.

A battle is pending at any moment in Missouri, between the Federal troops and Rebel forces.

The Confederate horde, under Price, is certainly caught in a trap.

The "Associated Press" have the following dispatches from Quincy, December 18th:

Things look warlike in England. A large number of troops were under orders to leave for Canada. The American shipping interest was disastrously affected.

Quincy, Dec. 17.

The Cabinet have considered the matter of the Mason and Slidell arrest and think that newspaper bluster is not a true indication of the intention of the British Government; but the impression is that England will make a demand for the release of Mason and Slidell.

Quincy, Dec. 17.—P.M.

The New York Herald's Washington despatch says that the President has no official information from England relative to the Mason and Slidell affair; but thought that diplomatic correspondence would settle the matter without war.

The Union sentiment in Eastern Virginia is said to be rapidly increasing.

Senator Polk, of Missouri, has gone over to the rebel.

Ben McCullough is in Richmond.

Norfolk and Richmond papers of the 11th give full particulars of the great fire at Charleston. 57 buildings were destroyed, including the Roman Catholic church, St. Peter's Episcopal church, Cumberland-street church, the Methodist and Circular churches. The loss will be from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

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In the U. S. Senate, yesterday, Latham offered a resolution that the Secretary of War be requested to inform the Senate by what law and reason passports are required from passengers from New York to San Francisco. Agreed to.

Sherman offered a resolution that the Secretary of War should furnish the Senate with a copy of all correspondence between Gen. Scott and Gen. Patterson. Agreed to.

In the U. S. House, Elliott's resolution, proposing emancipation of slaves of rebels, caused a warm debate.

Harding, of Kentucky, made a strong speech in opposition.

Dispatches from Tipton, Missouri, say that our troops had received orders yesterday to hold themselves ready at a moment's notice. Gen. Pope, at the head of his forces, was already marching towards Warrentsburg for the purpose of cutting off Price, who is trying to unite with Rains and Stein at Lexington. A battle is expected soon.

The reported occupation of Fort Pulaski by the Federal forces is not true.

The Norfolk papers of the 13th give an account of a negro insurrection in South Carolina, at Charleston. The plot of the negroes was discovered and checked.

Washington dispatches say that notwithstanding the belligerent attitude of England, the Cabinet and Congress are not frightened.

The expected demand for the release of Mason and Slidell causes great excitement, but the sentiment of defiance is universal.

Vandalligham offered resolutions to the effect that the action of Com. Wilkes be sustained, notwithstanding the belligerent attitude, but they were laid over.

Dispatches from St. Joseph, Mo., state that a battle was expected soon between the rebel forces at Lexington, Mo., and the troops under General Prentiss. It was Prentiss' intention to cross the river on the 14th, at a point above Lexington, and attack the rebels. The rebels are 2,500 strong, the Federals have 4,000.

The excitement runs high over the English news. The markets are depressed in consequence.

The bark Agnes, arrived at Baltimore, reports a fight between the pirate Sumter and the United States gunboat Iroquois, off Martinique.

The Secretary of the Treasury will appoint an agent to reside in the Southern territory coming under our control, to employ negroes, prepare cotton and other products for shipment on account of the Government.

Pay rolls are made out, and exact accounts kept of the labor performed, and they are to be paid accordingly.

The provisions found in the rebel territory to be used for subsistence of the negroes. The deficiency to be supplied by the Commissary.

European Intelligence.

The popular feeling in England on the reception of the news of the seizure of Mason and Slidell was very bitter against the United States.

The London Times says: The principle on which the Government rests its demand is, that a British ship, until its violation of the neutrality laws is fully proved, must be held to be British ground, as much as if it were an actual place of British soil, and the rights of all persons on board are as valid as on British territory. No such violation has been proved, or sought to be proved, against the Trent, and consequently the seizure of persons, dragged from her deck, was entirely illegal. Slidell and Mason were, at most, civil servants to a hostile power, and were traveling from one neutral power to another in a neutral vessel. If the Government of Washington declares them rebels, their right of asylum has been clearly violated.

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